



Resource Protection VIP

Overview:

President's Park, which includes the park lands surrounding the White House, is composed of approximately 82 acres and is home for many significant statues, memorials and structures. The three main sections of the park outside the White House fence line are: the vast open parade ground known as the Ellipse; Sherman Park, where the famous general once reviewed his troops returning from the Civil War; and Lafayette Park – home to statues honoring five American heroes, and for over a hundred years, the location for First Amendment activities.

Opportunity Description:

Join the President's Park Patrol - volunteers who help to preserve and maintain the cultural landscape features of the Ellipse, Sherman and Lafayette Parks – all part of the President's back yard. Learn about the history of the green spaces surrounding the grounds of the White House. Plan to get dirty while cleaning or assessing the condition of structures; weeding monument gardens; or gathering trash. Get involved and meet new people. Take an active role in managing your national park.

Individuals and groups welcome. *Pre-registration is required. Call (202) 208-1631, ext. 228. Groups can also schedule additional weekend or weekday dates.*

Minimum Age:

All ages are welcome. Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a parent. All participants under 18 years of age are required to have a Volunteer Agreement signed by their parent or legal guardian. Forms are available on-line on the park's webpage. Forms will also be available from the work leader at the start of the work session.

Required skills:

No experience necessary. Training will be provided. Adults, families, and youth welcome. Fulfills community service requirements.

When & Where:

Call for more information.

What to Bring:

- Each volunteer must wear closed-toe shoes. Please wear clothes that can get dirty.
- Wearing a hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen are also recommended.
- Bring rain gear, if necessary.
- Bring water and snacks.
- Gloves, safety glasses and tools are provided.
- Bring the appropriate forms. (see below. Forms are also available from the work leader at the start of the work session.)

Forms:

Please bring the following completed forms to the project. Forms are available on-line on the park's webpage.

- Youth/Adult/Groups: Complete the Volunteer Agreement and bring it with you to the event. Every volunteer under the age of 18 must have a Volunteer Agreement with the parent/guardian approval section signed and dated by their parent or legal guardian.
- Groups: Complete the Volunteer Agreement and fill out the Group Volunteer list.

For more information, please contact:

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